1	2	3
Any Country	0.65	324.10
Any Country	0.65	327.10
Russia	1.25	329.95
GRAND TOTAL:	5.11	Weighted average price 325.59

Requirement and production of pulses

†58. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the annual requirement of pulses in the country is assessed to be 16 million tonnes whereas its annual production is between 12 million tonnes to 14 million tonnes;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the pulses are imported to meet the increased requirement in comparison to production; and

(d) if so, the estimate of the import of pulses in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 and the annual increase in the prices of pulses in the international market during these above said years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Import of pulses

Year	Quantity in million tonnes
2003-04	1.72
2004-05	1.34
2005-06	1.70
2006-07	2.25*

* Provisional

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Prices of pulses in the international market (tentative):

(Rate in USD/PMT, C&F)

Sl. No	Commodity	2004	2005	2006	2007(upto July)
1.	Tur	296.50	332.71(12.21%)	349.38(5.01 %)	498.21(42.60%)
2.	Moong	309.79	468.96(51.38%)	605.83(29.19%)	647.14(6.82%)
3.	Urad	229.17	392.29(71.18%)	623.96(59.05%)	602.86(-3.38%)
4.	Gram	304.58	328.33(7.80%)	553.75(68.65%)	578.21(4.42%)
5.	Masoor	433.33	443.75(2.40%)	448.96(1.17%)	572.86(27.60%)

* Annual increase of prices in brackets and the annual increase of prices for 2007 on the prices upto July, 2007

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh

59. SHRIMATI N. P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been made by Government of Andhra Pradesh for providing 30 kgs. of rice instead of 35 kgs. and in lieu of 5 kgs. of rice, 7.5 kgs. of jowar or ragi may be provided so as to give additional nutritients to poor people;

(b) if so, the details of the request; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government on the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. No such proposal has been received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the answer for part (a) above.

Quality of wheat imported from US

60. SHRI P. R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from a team of officials that the US wheat is not fit to be imported;

(b) if so, the details of the report; and

(c) what action Government propose to take against the US wheat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) A delegation of officials from the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, as part of ongoing bilateral negotiations, held plant health bilateral discussions with the United States of America (USA) in May 2007. The discussions covered various bilateral matters, *inter-alia*, import of wheat and pulses into India from the USA. The delegation reported that the request of the USA for relaxation of